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IN
LAS VEGAS



STRIP SHOWSTOPPERS.....JOHN DAVIDSON, back at the Riviera after more than a year away from the Strip, is enjoying one of his hottest engagements, with The Smothers Brothers. Davidson dazzles the audiences with his recently discovered flair for comedy and a delightfully unflappable affability. John's trek into the audience to sing the oldies but goodies is just one of the high points of his new show. This is John's first Strip visit since his famous bare-all for a national magazine centerfold, his joining "The Hollywood Squares", and his recent tv series - all in all, Davidson has had ALOT of exposure and his popularity is apparent at the Riviera Versailles Room....**CHARO**, the Spanish boop-boop-be-doo at the Sahara Congo Room with Jim Nabors, surprises the audiences with her serious moments as a guitar virtuoso and her rendition of "Midnight Guitars". Those expecting the Charo of her many tv guestings - with fractured English, perpetual motion, and a zany string of anecdotes - won't be disappointed. Charo's "Knock Three Times" with males in the audience is the beautiful singer-dancer-comedienne-guitarist at her most sizzling!!....**LOVELACE WATKINS** who opened at the Flamingo a virtual "unknown" is doing sensational business and is without competition as the brightest new star in years. Lovelace is an electrifying performer who never lets up (or lets the



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audience down) in his efforts to entertain with his unique operatically flavored rock & soul music. His is the charismatic, one of a kind performance of which superstars are born. Don't miss him!! Watkins who closes here on September 11, goes next to London's Talk of the Town, where he has broken attendance records for the past couple

of years. He'll be back in Vegas, at the Flamingo of course, later this year...**THE TEMPTATIONS**, Motown's multi-million champions, are at their most colorful, flamboyant and inimitable, at the Las Vegas Hilton with Bill Cosby. The Tempts, as they are known to their millions of fans the world over, are probably the most imitated musical group in show business...**RIP TAYLOR**, now making his first mainroom visit since his year of starring at the Aladdin Hotel, is at the Tropicana Superstar Theater with Vikki Carr.

STRIP BITS & PIECES.....Comedian GABRIEL KAPLAN, just here with Helen Reddy at the MGM Grand, gueststars next with The Carpenters, opening October 9 at the Riviera...**MITZI GAYNOR** returns, with an all new show, to the Tropicana Superstar on October 11....**PAUL ANKA** who's written hits for Sinatra, Jones, Humperdinck, Newton, etc. finally kept one for himself; his current "Having My Baby" is zooming to the top of the charts all over the country. Paul returns to Caesars Palace in October...**KEELY SMITH** who made her "comeback" appearance at the Thunderbird, earlier this year, after an absence of seven years that made hearts all the more fonder, returns Sept. 12 to the T-Bird, with Norm Crosby.

WEEKEND WANDERERS...VIKKI CARR, "One Hell of A Woman" in one hell of a performance, with zany-ac **RIP TAYLOR** at the Tropicana Superstar Theater...**JULIET PROWSE & JAN MURRAY** at the Desert Inn thru Sept. 9; Juliet's brilliant "Bolero" a must-see!....**LOVELACE WATKINS** and **CORBETT MONICA** at the Flamingo...**WAYNE NEWTON** at the Sands, with **DAVE BARRY**, is the long distance SRO champion of the Strip. His current engagement which started on July 17 and every night is like opening night!....

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MGM Grand superstar **Dean Martin** returns for another Grand-stand next week. Martin is in for a one-week engagement in the plush 1,200 seat Celebrity Room. Joining Martin on the Celebrity Room stage will be Step Brother descendants, The Little Steps.

Like Old Man River, Dean Martin just keeps rolling along. Relaxed and proficient, "Old Red Eyes" brings his excellent voice and his usual, easy TV charm to his night-club appearances. The Little Steps will warm up the stage for Martin with their wild display of acrobatic hoofing.

The Dean Martin show will grand-stand through September 10th- to be followed by Shecky Greene and Ray Stevens.

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